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November Recycling Pick-up Dates

November 10-11

November 24-25

The Wednesday garbage/recycling pick-up schedule will NOT be affected by the November 11th holiday, Veterans' Day.

From the Town Clerk's Office

► "E-Reg" (registration on line) is now up and running. Citizens can request auto registration renewals from the Town Web site or www.ereg.us and choose their town from the list.

► We now have **new hours** on **Tuesdays**: the office is open from **9 AM-8 PM**.

Marriages, Births, Deaths in the Town Report

Any Brentwood Resident who had a marriage, civil union, birth or death in 2009 in a state other than New Hampshire and would like the event published in the annual Town Report must send a letter of request along with a copy of the "official copy" of the event to the Town Clerk's Office.

Any Brentwood Resident who had an event occur in New Hampshire and would prefer not to have the event published must send a letter to the Clerk's Office requesting the event not be published in the Town Report.

Scouting for Food

Pack 192 will again participate in **Scouting for Food**, the nation's largest single-day food drive. In a change from prior years, Scouts will leave door hangers at homes in their neighborhoods on Saturday, November 7. They will return on the morning of Saturday, November 14 to collect donated items.

As always, everything collected will be delivered to the Brentwood Food Pantry at Pilgrim UCC Church on Middle Road. If you have questions please contact Kris Keenan at 778-6382.

Position Open on Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment is looking for an alternate member to serve on their Board. The Board meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, upon the call of the chairman. The Board hears the appeals from any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official and administers special provisions in the ordinance dealing with variances and special exceptions. Alternates participate in discussion whenever a regular member is absent or is disqualified from participating in a specific matter due to a conflict of interest.

If you are interested in serving the Town as a volunteer on the Zoning Board, please call me at the Planning Board office. 642-6400 ext 16.

Kathy St. Hilaire

Fire Department Report

The Brentwood Fire Department responded to 45 emergency and 22 service calls during the past month. The 45 emergency calls consisted of 24 ambulance and 21 fire calls. The fire calls are further broken down below:

- 10 fire alarm activations
- 5 motor vehicle collisions
- 2 gas leak / CO detector activations
- 1 hazardous material call
- 1 bark mulch / large incident fire
- 2 mutual aid responses

Lt. A. Prina

Waste Tonnage Figures

	August	September
Tons, mixed solid waste	120.34	141.35
Tons, recycled goods	21.96 (15.43%)	36.79 (20.7%)

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.gov**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14
 Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-4:30
 Tuesday 9:00-8:00
 Friday 8:30-4:00
 Saturday 9:00-12:00

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30
 Friday 9:00-1:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
 On the Web: www.brentwoodlibrary.org
 Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1
 Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
 Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

Brentwood Seniors

At the meeting of October 28 the Seniors welcomed Gene Orcutt as their new president. During the business meeting members were reminded to bring a gift for a child to the December 16 Christmas Party – leaving it unwrapped so that it could be wrapped later and directed to the right child. The gifts will be taken to the collection box at the Town Office.

The Seniors' annual **anniversary luncheon** will take place at The Old Salt in Hampton on **Wednesday, November 11**. Members will drive directly to the restaurant, arriving about 11:30, and lunch will be served at 12 noon. The price of \$15.00 per person will be collected on arrival. If there are any questions please call Gene Orcutt, president, at 642-4597.

Linda Rousseau for the Seniors

back into the community each month through charitable organizations and community causes.

"Wonderland Thrift Shop is located at 96 Epping Road (Route 27) in Exeter. For more information, call 793-4284 or visit www.wonderlandthrift.org."

The Food Pantry in Brentwood

The Food Pantry for the Town of Brentwood is located at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 197 Middle Road in Brentwood. Non-perishable food items are available for any who have need. If you would like to visit the food pantry, please call Rev. Kim Mckerley at the church. The number is 778-3189.

Coat Drive at Wonderland Thrift

Jennifer Campbell of Brentwood, on the staff of Wonderland Thrift Shop, has written: "The shop is currently sponsoring a coat drive in hopes that no one will go cold this winter. All donations of coats are welcomed and appreciated. We will also be in need of toy donations as the holidays draw near. As you know, all items in the shop are sold at low thrifty prices and proceeds go

Mailing Crew for October

Many thanks on behalf of the town to those in the South Road neighborhood who assembled the October Newsletter for mailing: Brad and Amy Robinson, Paul and Eveline Robinson, Herb and Rosalee Stevens, and the O'Sullivan family – John, Anita, Katherine and Danny.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

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Deadline for December Issue: Friday, Nov. 20

Mail or bring your articles to Linda Rousseau, 90 Prescott Road, Brentwood, NH 03833,
 or e-mail to lindarou@rcn.com

Thank You Timberland!!



At work on the Castonguay Pavilion.



Strengthening the bleachers.

If you haven't been up to see all improvements at the Recreation Center recently, it's time to check it out! On October 8th over 150 volunteers participated in the Timberland Company's Serv-A-Palooza day of community service. Volunteers from the Timberland Company, City Year, Future Farmers of America and many Brentwood residents came out to help repair, build and paint at our Recreation Area.

They rebuilt part of the rock wall, gave our concession stand a much needed face lift, repaired and painted the Castonguay Pavilion, created two new baseball fields on the lower field (one for 6 - 8 yr. olds and one for T-Ball), replaced all the boards on the bleachers and built a shade pavilion next to our playground. All this was accomplished in one day!

Many, many thanks go out to these volunteers for all their hard work and time. Special thanks also go to Gary Marshall from Lawn Doctor for all his time and equipment, builder Wayne Copp for his time and expertise, Torromeo Industries/ Kingston Red T Mix, Beebe Trucking, Quikrete, Pike Industries and East Coast Lumber for their generous donation of material, members of the Brentwood Republicans for help cooking and all the families who donated food so we could feed this large group.

Because of the Timberland Company's generosity and the collective efforts of many, town residents now have a safer, more complete facility to enjoy.

Margaret Dullea
Brentwood Recreation Director

Swasey Central School News

Our school community is very excited about the new trails and outdoor classroom areas that resulted from the Serv-A-Palooza volunteer day. We invite all Brentwood residents to enjoy these during non-school hours. We also ask your support in caring for the hard work of others by being respectful of the areas.

The Brentwood School Board has set times for future meetings. The **Board meetings** are held at 6:15 p.m. in the Swasey Library and all are welcome to attend. These will be held on the following dates: **Wednesday, November 18; Wednesday, December 16; Monday, January 11; and, Monday, February 8.** The Brentwood School District Budget Hearing will follow the February meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The Annual School District meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 6.

The annual **Grandfriends' Hour** will take place at the school on **Tuesday, November 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00.** This is a wonderful time for all who attend. We look forward to celebrating the season with our students' grandfriends.

Joan Ostrowski, Principal

Peppermint Ponies 4H Club

Does your child love horses? Girls and boys ages 5-18 yrs are welcome to attend club meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month 6-7:30 pm, North Road Farm, 370 North Road, Fremont as guests to learn more about equines and 4H. Meeting dates: 11/11, 11/25. No experience or horse ownership necessary Contact Jan Brubacher, Leader, 679-3367, j.brubacher@comcast.net. Scholarships available.

Jan Brubacher

Brentwood Recreation News

Youth Basketball

Team selections and practices will begin after the week of November 9. The season will begin Saturday, December 5 and run through February 20.

Yoga Classes

Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 7:45 PM.

Brentwood Recreation Center

All-levels yoga classes, taught by Yoga Alliance Certified Instructor, Wilhelmina Bradley, RYT.
\$8.00 per class (collected at the door before each class)

These will be yoga classes for anyone who has already experienced yoga, as well as for someone who would like to try yoga for the first time. Bring a yoga mat or a towel, and if you have one, a long belt to help make stretching easier. If you have a pair of yoga 'blocks,' bring them along, too! Dress in comfortable clothing for this hour-and-fifteen minute class to enjoy the benefits of yoga for strength, flexibility, and for stress-reduction in your life. **Come join us!**

Cribbage Group

Monday evenings through Nov. 2 --- 7:00pm.

Our group meets at the Brentwood Community Center on Route 125 Monday evenings for a fun, casual evening of cribbage playing. If you would like to join us or just want more information, please contact: Ursula Mackey at ucbm@comcast.net or 603-642-9178. A \$1 donation is appreciated.

Adult Volleyball

Our Adult pick-up volleyball program will be on Monday evenings at 7:30pm beginning Jan. 4 and running through March 29.* We will be playing at the Swasey School gym. Registration is FREE. If you are interested in joining us, please call or email the Recreation Office with your name so I can create a list of participants. I am also looking for someone who would be interested in volunteering to oversee set up and breakdown of the equipment each Monday night. If you might be interested in helping with that, please let me know.

*(There will be no Volleyball on the days the school is not open.)

Men's Basketball

We will be starting a Men's pick-up Basketball program on Thursday evenings beginning December 3, 7:30-9:00pm at the Phillips Exeter Academy gym in Exeter. There will be a sign-up fee of \$100 for the 12-week program or \$15/night (collected at the door) to cover the cost of the gym rental.

Registration forms are available at the Recreation Office or on our website. I am also need of a volunteer

to collect fees and forms on Thursday nights throughout the session. If you think you could help with this, please call or email the Recreation office ASAP.

Facilities Rental

Remember there are still weekday and weekend dates available at the Community Center. Consider having your meeting, birthday party, shower, or other events at our facility. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office.

Check out the Recreation pages on the town website, www.brentwoodnh.gov. Forms are there to be downloaded for your convenience, as well as other important information about current programs and events.

Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director

(603) 642-6400 ext. 20 recreation@brentwoodnh.gov

Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30 pm

Commission meetings 4th Tuesday night of the month at 6:30pm

Swasey Parent Faculty Group

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Swasey School Library. Congratulations to Sheila Lane who won our monthly raffle and went home with a lovely basket of goodies. At our next meeting we will be raffling a VIP parking spot for the annual Grandfriends' hour on November 24! Come and join us!

Would you like a second Swasey Phone Book? Maybe you need one for your car or your desk at work! Get a second phone book for \$2 in the Main Office.

November 18 and 19– Distribution of Genevieve's Orders.

Swasey Fall Clothing Line – Clothing brochure and order form will go home on November 10 and will need to be returned by November 25 and all items will be distributed on December 16 and 17.

Winter Sports Swap Meet – Skis, Skates and Sticks! Bring in your items to the Brentwood Recreation Building any of the drop-off dates in December and then come and shop on December 12 between 9 a.m. and Noon! See the Wednesday folder for more details!

Clip those Box Tops! Check out our website for lots of fun new ways to collect box tops! Don't forget to tell your Grandfriends to bring them in on November 24! Have everyone you know clip their box tops and send them in!! We can do it!!!

Visit our website for more information:
<http://swaseypfg.pbworks.com/>

Deb Carr

The Brentwood Gathering



The kitchen crew had no time to rest, serving Lindy's sandwiches, Green Bean soup and baked goods donated by Brentwood residents.



Customers lined up to purchase jams and jellies from Kim Lord.

Friends of the Library

First off, I want to thank everyone who supported The **8th Annual Brentwood Gathering Craft Fair** last month. It was another great success – for our vendors, our shoppers and as a fund-raising endeavor for The Friends! We would like to take the time to specifically thank the following local businesses for their support: Lindy's Country Store, Goody Cole's, Granite Creek Farms, Toss 'n Sauce, Binswanger Glass, All Right Provisions, Buxton Oil (Epping), the Brentwood Conservation Commission, The Green Bean (Exeter), Shaw's (Exeter) and Sam's Club, (Seabrook). In addition to all of the vendors who donated items for our raffle, we also thank Dave Gibson, Michelle Siudut for Arbonne International, Electrology Professionals (Raymond), Natural or Not Salon (Raymond) for their raffle contributions. We cannot forget to thank those individuals who provided baked items, and the volunteers -- too numerous to mention -- for their help before and during the event.

We were pleased to introduce this year's **Treasure Basket Raffle** at The Brentwood Gathering. Dave Gibson has again donated an incredible hand-made basket for us to raffle. Tickets for this amazing, one-of-a-kind Treasure Basket are now on sale at the library. The drawing will take place on December 21 so be sure to visit the library to purchase your tickets!

Our monthly **Friends Meeting** will be on Thursday, **November 5** at 9:30 am. Find out more about upcoming events and get an update on the Brentwood Gathering. If you have not attended a Friends Meeting before and are interested in becoming involved, we would love to have you join us! Subsequent meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at the Library at 9:30 am, with next month's meeting scheduled for December 3.

On the evening of Thursday, **November 5 at 7:00 pm**, we will welcome Park Ranger and Independent historian Mike McKinley to present "**The Golden Age of New England Whaling.**"

Have you started your Holiday Shopping? If not, help is just around the corner – literally! The **Christmas Craft Fair** will open at the Library on the afternoon of Monday, **November 16**, with items available right up until December 24. You can make a dent in your Christmas list while supporting local crafters and The Friends! Proceeds from the Christmas Craft Fair are used to purchase children's books. If you are a crafter who would like to participate in the Christmas Craft Fair, please contact the Library (642-3355) for details.

Looking to next month, we will welcome you to **Visit Santa** on Saturday, **December 5**. Along with the craft activities and pictures with Santa, we hope to have the Basement Book Store open (weather permitting). As an added bonus, we will offer wrapping service for books bought at the Store that morning. For that we need ...wrapping paper! If you have any wrapping paper you no longer need, please drop it off at the library. Thanks to those who responded to our plea last month and have already brought in their unwanted wrapping paper.

We are planning two **Gingerbread House** workshops on Saturday, **December 12**. Children will be creating their own Gingerbread Houses with resident gingerbread house extraordinaire Wendy Kennish. Due to limited space and supplies for this event, we are going to draw 20 names by lottery. If your child is interested in attending, place his/her name in the bucket at the library. Names will be randomly drawn just before Thanksgiving.

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This workshop is for children in grades 2 through 4, with a session at 10 am and another at 11:30 am. We will be in need of parent volunteers to help ensure the event runs smoothly.

Have you had a chance to visit the Library on Saturday morning? We now have the **Basement Book Store** open each Saturday, from 10 am to noon. The Basement Book Store will remain open each Saturday as long as weather permits, as access is through the amphitheatre. There are plans to renovate the basement early next year and we hope to have less books to move when that takes place! Volunteers are giving up their time each Saturday morning to offer you more chances to buy books at bargain prices, so please make an effort to stop in. Hardcover are 50¢, paperbacks are 25¢ and all videos are FREE.

By now you have received The Friends annual request for your **membership** donation and we thank the many who have already responded so generously. At just \$5 for an individual and \$10 for a family, membership is definitely a bargain when you think of all these contributions enable us to do. Again this year we are thrilled to have our Beat the Benefactor Challenge. Can you believe, in these tough economic times, our Benefactor has *again* offered a \$2000 donation? Such generosity is amazing! We have done it two years in a row and have every confidence Brentwood will Beat the Benefactor for a *third* year!

Don't forget to take advantage of the many library passes to local museums and attractions. Visit the Library to check out all the passes and discounts available.

Michelle Siudut, Publicity

Cub Scout News

Brentwood's Cub Scouts have had a busy start to the school year. In September the Pack sponsored a bowling and pizza party to welcome prospective Scouts. Returning and prospective Scouts and their families had the chance to bowl a few games, have a slice and learn about Pack 192's program. It was a very successful event because no part of it involved sitting still or being quiet.

In October the Pack families gathered at Pawtuckaway State Park for some hiking and camping. Sean Cordier introduced the group to geocaching - a high-tech game of hide and seek. Later in the day, Kelly Myers took everyone fishing. We all gathered around the campfire for dinner and a Pack meeting, and many families chose to continue the adventure by camping overnight. The kids had a blast honing their outdoor skills and the parents had at least as much fun watching them.



Sean Cordier explains the basics of geocaching to Pack 192 Cub Scouts at Pawtuckaway Park.

Pack 192 has other great outings scheduled for this year, so if you have a child who is interested in Scouting he hasn't missed out on all the fun. We meet as a Pack on the third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM at Grace Ministries International, across from Bessie's on Route 125. Join us there, or contact the Den Leader for your son's age group to find out more about Den-level activities and schedules:

Kathy Clements-Webelos II (Grade 5): 642-4583
 Mike Silverwood-Webelos I (Grade 4): 772-4366
 Sean Cordier-Bears (Grade 3): 580-1711
 Tressa Ryan-Wolves (Grade 2): 679-4616
 Kelly Myers-Tigers (Grade 1): 772-4044
 Tom Ryan-Cubmaster: 679-4616

Or visit our website: www.brentwoodpack192.com.

Kris Keenan

Sympathy

Sincerest sympathy and friendship are offered by their friends and neighbors to the family of Virginia "Ginni" Rae Hutchinson of Middle Road, who died at her home on October 8 from complications of ALS. She was a lifelong resident of the Exeter area and graduated from Robinson Female Seminary. She was employed for many years at the New England Telephone Company, Swasey School, Exeter Clinic and most recently at Ben Franklin. She will be greatly missed.

Vintage Vehicle Day



There are always more details to talk about around the old cars.



Ryan Ouellet came with his grandfather Ron and zeroed in on the toy vehicles at the accessories exhibit outside.

Historical Society

Vintage Vehicle Day. October 17 was sunny and crisp, a great day for antique vehicles to drive to the Historical Society Museum and display their charms. Visitors were privileged to see a 1930 Ford Model A truck, 1930 Model A coupe, 1937 Plymouth sedan, 1939 Plymouth coupe deluxe, 1940 Ford pickup, 1941 Lincoln Continental, 1950 MG TD, 1957 Chevy Bel Air, 1965 Chevrolet pickup, 1965 Mustang, 1964 Toyota Landcruiser, and a 1966 Lincoln Continental convertible. The '66 Lincoln's license plate answered the question everyone asks immediately – "18FT+5IN".

Many thanks to the owners who brought their vehicles for the morning, and/or for lending their accessories for the display inside: Kurt Corzatt, Linda and Doug Cowie, Kevin Crowley, Alvin Ernest, Gil Estey, Bill Herrick, Michael LaPerle, David Roberts, Forrest True, Keith True, and Terry Trukas. Thanks also to the Mary Bartlett Library for donating to the Historical Society two large books on automotive history, filled with magnificent pictures, which became an instant hit at the indoor exhibit.

The November speaker. As colder weather comes upon us, the Historical Society will offer a program on "Winter Storytelling" by **Michael Harris** of Gilmanton. He looks at seasonal celebrations throughout history and across cultures, weaving in lore about Christmas celebrations, the stories of Dickens, Longfellow and others, winter weather and wildlife. This will be **Thursday, November 12, at 7:30 pm** at the Historical Society Museum, 140 Crawley Falls Road. All are welcome.

Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society

Laundry Art at the Bartlett Library

On October 18 the members of the Energy Committee set up a display of art depicting laundry lines at the public library. We have some very beautiful submissions from a number of talented Brentwood residents. Prolific and well-known photographer Reid Bunker of Middle Road captured a number of our local laundry lines, and Roger Goun, Bob Gilbert and Emily Schmalzer submitted pictures of their own drying yards. Bill Childs, Lois Hatch, Barbara Cowan, and Ellen Kingsbury gave us lovely examples of their original artwork. Most of the work is for sale. Mrs. Bradley's third grade class did some really remarkable paintings and dioramas for us on the subject. There are lots of charming and imaginative flourishes, such as the cat hanging out on the line with the shirts and pants. They are all there for you to enjoy.

The exhibit is timed to coincide with October 24, 2009, now designated the International Day of Climate Action. As you all know, the carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere is now up to around 390 ppm, way up from the 315 it was in 1958. For the last 10,000 years it was apparently pretty steady at around 270 ppm. Many different lines of evidence suggest that this rise is causing or at least contributing to global warming. Accepting this, it seems wise to limit at least what we can of the rise in carbon dioxide emissions. Hence the number 350, not a grossly unreasonable goal, and in the right direction. Curbing our use of energy-guzzling clothes driers is a step in the right direction. It saves you money. And, the alternative is, as you can see, picturesque. The Brentwood Energy Committee would like to thank the Energy Committee of Rye, New Hampshire for their leadership in conceiving this project.

Emily Schmalzer

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Thanks to those who gave so generously in memory of John Sinclair, we have purchased an Orion StarBlast tabletop telescope. John thoroughly enjoyed watching the night sky accompanied by his dog, so he would have really appreciated this telescope which, even to my inexperienced eye, looks pretty easy to use. This is a wonderful opportunity for a family evening of star watching. FYI, the Leonids Meteor Shower, anticipated on the 17th and 18th of November is considered to be one of the better showings at 40 meteors per hour at the peak, and the Geminids Meteor Shower, thought to be the best show in the heavens, will take place from December 6-19, peaking on the 13th and 14th of the month.

The **Friday Night Flick for November 6** is *Tinker Belle and the Lost Treasure*, which has a G rating. *Up*, rated PG is the choice for November 20.

The **Ladies Night Movie for November 12** is *The Proposal* starring Sandra Bullock, rated PG.

All of us at the library are really excited as we are anticipating the visit of **Tui Sutherland**, an incredibly versatile children's author, to the Library on early release day, **Wednesday, November 18 at 1:30**. Tui is one of the authors who writes some of the amazingly popular *Warrior* and *Seeker* series under the pseudonym Evan Hunter, teen books under the name of Tamara Summers including *He's With Me*, *Save the Date* and *Never Bite a Boy on the First Date*; her popular new series for new chapter book readers, *Loudest Beagle on the Block*, *Runaway Retriever*, *Mud Puddle Poodle*; and *Bulldog Won't Bite* with more to follow. Tui has also written the *Avatar* series for teens about five teenagers facing a post apocalyptic future. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to meet an author of some of their favorite books. She might also provide us with tips on how to win on Jeopardy as she recently won \$23,600.00 on the quiz program.

Our ever popular speaker, **Rebecca Rule**, returns on **Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 pm** to entertain us with her new program, "That Reminds Me of a Story," and no one has better or funnier stories than New Hampshire's own and best storyteller. Come and enjoy an evening of light hearted fun. If you have any amusing New Hampshire stories, Rebecca loves to hear them.

Our **Library Book Discussion** is scheduled for **November 30**. We are going to read *Peyton Place* written by the late, unlamented in Gilmanton at least, Grace Metalious. *Peyton Place* was considered to be very juicy reading in its day. Don't you think the discussion will probably center around what might be

thought to be scandalous today as opposed to then? It should prove interesting to say the least.

Ron Ouellet, certified public accountant, has generously proposed presenting a workshop on "**Income Tax Help, Advice and Answers**" on **February 3 at 7:00 p.m.** We realize that you do not even want to think about taxes right now, but this is a terrific offer, and we are requiring sign-ups well in advance.

A happy Thanksgiving Day to all of you from all of us.

Marilyn Morehead, Library Director

Special to Michelle Siudut from Niki Reed on behalf of the Friends of the Library...

Hail to the Queen!

Congratulations Michelle Siudut for another successful Brentwood Gatherings! All your planning and organizing over the last 8 months certainly paid off. We appreciate your dedication .

*Your
Loyal Craft Fair Servants*

Pilgrim Church Harvest Supper

Pilgrim Church's 42nd Annual Harvest Supper will be held on **Saturday, November 7, 2009**, at the **Swasey School** on Route 111A in Brentwood. There will be seatings at **4:30, 5:30 and 6:30**. The all-you-can-eat Roast Turkey Dinner will be served family style and will feature turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, butternut squash, and a wide variety of HOMEMADE PIES for dessert. Make this delicious meal your family's night out. Tickets will be available at the door, but for your convenience, advance tickets can be purchased:

In Brentwood - at Brentwood Country Store (Lindy's)
on Route 111A, Middle Road.

In Kingston - at Clark Oil on Main Street

In Exeter - at Arnold's Bakery Store on Lincoln Street.
The price is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children under ten.

Gene Orcutt

Swasey Central School PFG / BRC

Used Sports Equipment Swap

Date: December 12, 2009
Where: Brentwood Recreation Building,
 190 Route 125, Brentwood
When: 9:00 – 10:00 - *Presale for Ticket owners*
 10:00 – Noon - *Open to the Public*

On **Saturday, December 12 from 9 am to Noon** the Swasey Central School Parent Faculty Group, in conjunction with the Brentwood Recreation Commission, will be hosting its first ever **Used Sports Equipment Swap**. Come and exchange or purchase equipment for you and your kids. This is an opportunity to turn in your outgrown, but still useful, sports equipment and swap it for sizes that will fit for the coming season(s). The swap will be held at The Brentwood Recreation Building on Route 125 and we will have **three dates** for you to stop by the Recreation Building and **drop off items** for the Swap.

For each item you give, you will receive a ticket or tickets based on the value tier of your item. Big ticket items such as Skis and Boards will have a higher value versus all other items such as soccer equipment and goggles. The day of the Swap each item will "cost" a ticketed amount. In this way you can swap things you can no longer use for things you can.

The day of the Swap you can also purchase tickets for \$5, so if you dropped off two pairs of soccer cleats (you would receive two tickets) and want to get two new pairs of cleats and hockey sticks, you can purchase two \$5 tickets for those sticks.

The drop-off dates for used equipment:

Wednesday, Dec. 9	4pm to 6 pm
Thursday, Dec. 10	3pm to 5 pm
Friday, Dec. 11	6pm to 8 pm

Please make sure the items you are donating are clean and free of rips or tears. Volunteers will be on hand to review equipment and may not accept some more-than-gently-used items.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be able to accept items the day of the Swap.

Items we will be accepting for the Swap:

<u>Soccer</u>	Cleats, shin guards, balls, soccer bags
<u>Hockey/ Ice Skating</u>	Hockey/Ice Skates, Sticks, Helmets, Pads, Guards, bags
<u>Skiing/ Snowboarding</u>	Skis, boots, poles, Snowboards, goggles

Brentwood Gardeners



Jean Stefanik talked about the many types of orchids.

At their October meeting the Brentwood Gardeners learned about the hundreds, even thousands, of kinds of orchids that are found in this world, in the woods, in the trees, on mountainsides, and in our local hothouses. Jean Stefanik of the N.H. Orchid Society, a world class collector, flower show judge and authority, was a fascinating speaker and had answers to virtually every question. Several members had brought the orchids they were growing at home, which pleased the speaker, and all their questions were answered.

The November meeting will take place at the Recreation Center building on Wednesday evening, **November 18 at 7:00 pm**. It will be a project evening, everyone making a holiday decoration using greens.

On Saturday, November 7 the Gardeners will spend the morning raking and neatening some of the town's landscaped areas in preparation for winter.

Any resident is welcome to attend the Gardeners meetings to learn more about the group and see how being a member could be helpful in one's own home and community activities. For more information call Diantha Wade, president, at 772-5217.

Report from Your State Representative

Because I was in Zimbabwe, I missed the October 28 session of the legislature which voted to sustain Governor Lynch's veto of HB 648, the bill that both the House and Senate passed in June to legalize medical use of marijuana. The vote then was 232-108 in the House and 14-10 in the Senate. The October 28 vote to override the veto was 240-115, more than the necessary two-thirds majority. But unfortunately the Senate vote fell short, as once again its vote was 14-10, two votes shy of overriding. With the exception of one Republican voting to override and one Democrat opposed, the vote was along party lines.

As a co-sponsor of the bill and ardent supporter of carefully controlled prescribed medical use of marijuana, I was angered by the governor's ill-considered and poorly reasoned veto – angered because the House-Senate conference committee had gone to great lengths in tailoring the bill to meet the governor's stated concern that the original bill did not provide sufficient protections against misuse of the drug. The bill that emerged from the conference committee contained much tighter controls than those embodied in similar laws in the states that have legalized medical use of marijuana. However the governor continued to insist that controls were insufficient. He said he had "tremendous compassion for people who believe medical marijuana will help alleviate the symptoms of serious illnesses and the side effects of medical treatment." And yet he chose not to meet with Representative Evalyn Merrick, sponsor of the bill and herself once a cancer patient who had used marijuana to relieve the debilitating effects of the treatment she was receiving. Nor did the governor meet with other patients to hear their testimony about how their suffering was eased by using marijuana.

The governor stated that "marijuana is an addictive drug that has the potential to pose significant health dangers to its users." As I said in the June Newsletter, whether marijuana is truly addictive is debatable, but that is beside the point for terminally ill persons and chronically seriously ill patients whose suffering can be eased by marijuana use. US Attorney General Holder's confirmation that the Justice Department will not prosecute patients who use marijuana for medical purposes in states evidently did not convince any senators to change their vote and support overriding the veto.

Here in Harare, we have a full-blown political crisis. Fed up with President Robert Mugabe's refusal to implement features of the agreement that led to formation of the current coalition government (features such as restoration of freedom of the press), Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai and his MDC party stopped attending cabinet meetings with Mugabe's ZANU-PF. Any thought that Mugabe would agree to some kind of compromise with Tsvangirai proved illusory when Mugabe refused to do so when he met with the prime minister October 27. I went to see Tsvangirai the next

day. He said he got nowhere with Mugabe, who flatly refused to give way on his opposition to reforms that would lead to a new constitution and free and fair, internationally supervised election.

In the meantime, Mugabe and his ZANU-PF party are living up to their billing as one of the most repressive governments in the world. They continue to detain and in many instances torture perceived opponents of Mugabe's rule. This week security agents arrested two prominent civil rights leaders and detained two MDC members of parliament.

Another commercial farm was forcibly seized, its owners forced off their land, and farm workers terrorized. The government-controlled media intensified their attacks on Tsvangirai and the MDC. Police entered an MDC house down the block from my residence, beat up the caretaker and his wife, and dug up the garden looking for buried weapons, which they did not find. On top of all this, the embassy has been getting reports of increasing violence upcountry by ZANU-PF goons.

Although Mugabe may come to some accord with Tsvangirai if the neighboring heads of state push him harder than they have done to date, I find it hard to accept that he will go nearly as far as Tsvangirai wants him to. His entire history as the ruler of this country is one of a corrupt, vicious, untrustworthy dictator, a man whose motivation is to retain power at any cost. Is he now, at 85, mellow? I don't believe so and I think he is playing games with the MDC.

In his mouthpiece media Mugabe continues his vituperation of the West, the US and UK in particular, for causing Zimbabwe's ills. Over and over again he and ZANU-PF loyalists reiterate their completely false accusation that European Union and American sanctions are responsible for the parlous state of Zimbabwe's economy. This is not likely to raise the danger level for Americans in this country, though, for everyone knows Zimbabwe's one daily newspaper and its radio and TV stations are propaganda organs of ZANU-PF and only the party faithful pay any attention to them.

I've been struck by the difference in security precautions now and in the 90s, when I was stationed in Zimbabwe, Sudan, and Liberia. Our embassies in those days were reasonably well guarded, but were vulnerable to car-bombings, as was demonstrated in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam in 1998. Thanks to the construction of new embassies and consulates and improved physical security arrangements at many existing structures, the danger to many of our diplomatic posts has been reduced. Yet, unlike the Defense Department, State Department budgets are always tight, money for new buildings lags well behind needs, and, consequently some posts remain vulnerable. That is true here, for despite security upgrades made since I was here 18 years ago, the front of the embassy (where my office is located) is located right on a busy street.

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Before I left the Foreign Service in 1995, in the African countries in which I served, the security arrangements at the embassies of most other countries was non-existent to light (sort of like it is at the NH State House). No longer; when I've visited western European colleagues at their embassies, I've encountered guards, barriers, and heavy security doors both at the entrances and within the buildings. Clearly, 9/11 affected the security consciousness of others besides the United States.

I've had a challenging, at times demanding, and always fascinating two months here in Harare. I've been privileged to be associated once again with dedicated, hard-working, and able people who man our diplomatic posts in often difficult, sometimes dangerous conditions.

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The Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

There is still time to bring a shoe box filled with small items for a boy or girl to the First Baptist Church Vestry. The age groups are 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. Gift ideas are:

TOYS: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

Put a rubber band around the box, put a label on the top saying boy or girl and age group, and bring it to the church by November 12. For more information please call Alma Vahey, 679-8635.

Christmas Fair at First Baptist Church

Friday, November 6 4:00-7:00pm

Saturday, November 7 8:00 am – 2:00pm

Light lunch available on Saturday.

Christmas Fair at Pilgrim Church

It's that time of year again. **Pilgrim Church** will be holding its **Annual Christmas Fair** on **Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 to 1:00**. There will be good food and the joyous, live music of the season. The Craft Tables will feature novelty gifts, some from foreign lands. Sweet treats will be available from both our Bake Table and a Cookie Walk. There will be a Christmas Boutique with both new and vintage holiday items, and a Silent Auction.

Our second floor (handicap accessible) will have over twenty outside craftspeople, selling their handmade items. You will not want to miss our fabulous luncheon that includes Lobster Rolls, Chicken Salad, Corn Chowder, and Chili. Come and catch the spirit of the season!

Gene Orcutt & Faith Levesque

Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive 2009

It's that time of year when we need to put our heads together for the 9th Annual Brentwood Fire Department Toy Drive for needy families.

I am asking for your help to find families that live in the Town of Brentwood, who may need a little extra help for the holidays.

We start the process by asking schools, churches and the Welfare Department to provide an application to those families that may need a little help. Everything is confidential. The families fill out the application and mail it to the Brentwood Fire Department, attention "Toy Drive". I am the only one that will see the names. Each family is listed as a "Letter" and I make up Christmas ornaments and distribute them to the Christmas trees that will be located at the Grace Ministries Church and the Brentwood Town Office.

We then ask the residents of Brentwood to give a donation or pick an "Ornament" off the Christmas trees and return it unwrapped to one of the drop boxes which will be located at the Town Offices, Brentwood Country Store, Grace Ministries Church and the Brentwood Fire Department.

The economy is tough for all of us this year, so I am asking the families to pick items with a \$20.00 value or less. All donations are put towards un-purchased gifts and food baskets for the families.

Final drop off date will be Thursday, December 17, 2009. This will give Santa and his elves time to organize the gifts and arrange for the families to pick them up. If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-944-0847.

Have a happy and healthy Holiday season!

Donna M. Vadeboncoeur

Toy Drive Coordinator, Brentwood Fire Department

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 6 **Baptist Church Holiday Fair – 4:00 – 7:00 pm**, Baptist Church vestry, corner North Rd. & Rte. 125
Friday Night Flick – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library. “Tinker Belle and the Lost Treasure”
- Nov. 7 **Holiday Fair -- 8:00 am – 2:00 pm**, Baptist Church vestry, corner North Rd. & Rte. 125
Pilgrim Church Harvest Supper – seatings 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, Swasey School
- Nov. 8 Dedication of Veterans Monument – 11:00 am, Tonry Cemetery, Middle Road
- Nov. 10 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Nov. 11 Brentwood Seniors – 11:30 am meet at the Old Salt, Hampton. Luncheon served at 12 noon
Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Nov. 12 Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, Library, “The Proposal”
Historical Society – 7:30 pm, Brentwood Museum, “**Winter Storytelling,**” **Michael Harris**, speaker
- Nov. 14 Scouts will collect food; bags distributed the week before
- Nov. 16 Library Trustees – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Nov. 17 Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office
- Nov. 18 **Tui Sutherland**, children’s author – 1:30 pm, Bartlett Library
School Board – 6:15 pm, Swasey Library
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Community Center. Holiday decoration project.
- Nov. 19 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Rebecca Rule, speaker – 7:00 pm, Library. “That Reminds Me of a Story”
- Nov. 20 **Friday Night Flick – 7:00 pm, Library. “Up.”**
- Nov. 24 Grandfriends’ Hour at Swasey School – 10:00-11:00 am.
Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Nov. 30 Book Discussion group – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Dec. 1 Selectmen’s meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Dec. 2 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Dec. 3 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Dec. 5 **Pilgrim Church Christmas Fair – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**, Pilgrim Church, Middle Road
Visit Santa at the Bartlett Memorial Library. Craft activities and photos.

The public is welcome at all above events

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